

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment.

Providers must take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of children, staff and others on the premises.

8.9 All weather and clothing policy

Covid-19 Update

During the coronavirus outbreak, Riverside Nursery will predominantly operate in the outdoor environment and therefore it is essential that clothing appropriate to the weather conditions is worn by children, or brought in with them should weather conditions change. All clothing must be taken home at the end of each day for cleaning. Children should attend nursery in clean clothing each day.

Policy Statement

At The Riverside Nursery, children will spend time outdoors in all weathers, all year round, and as they explore the outdoor environment it is inevitable that on occasions they will get wet and muddy.

It is necessary for children to wear suitable outdoor clothing such as warm/waterproof coats and wellies, or sun hats, depending on the weather.

Please ensure your child is dressed in clothes that are easily washable or not too new and ensure that outdoor and indoor clothing is suitable for children to play and move around in.

Whilst every care will be taken to protect children's clothes during play, it is not always appropriate to insist that children wear protective equipment such as aprons, as this can deter them from participating fully in an activity. The Riverside Nursery School will not be held responsible for damage to children's clothing during their time at nursery.

Procedures

What to wear

At Riverside we encourage children to gain the skills that help them to be independent and look after themselves. These include taking themselves to the toilet and taking off, and putting on, outdoor clothes, shoes and boots. Please bear in mind that clothing that is easy for them to manage will help them to do this.

Hot weather

Sun lotion - Please provide sun lotion for your child during the hot weather. We will ask

you to give your permission for us to apply sun lotion to your child, or top it up during the day. We will have a small supply of sun lotion should there be none available for your child for which you must give your permission for us to apply. We will make the brand known to you in advance of any application.

Hats - Sun hats will help to protect children from the sun when they play outside. Please supply a named sunhat for your child and help us by encouraging them to use it.

Tee shirts that cover children's arms/shoulders can provide extra protection from the sun during hot weather.

Cold weather

Coats - a warm, waterproof coat is essential for children to enjoy being outside. Please ensure it is a coat that children can move around in without worrying about getting it dirty.

Gloves - please provide named gloves for your child.

Hats - please provide a named wool or fleece hat that will help your child to stay warm outside during cold weather.

Staying warm - Layers of clothing work best as they can be added and removed according to current temperatures.

Wet weather

Waterproof coats - please send your child with a named and suitable warm waterproof coat that will enable them to play outside on wet days.

Waterproof trousers - we have a supply of waterproof trousers but if your child has their own then please bring these in (named), particularly on wet days.

Wellington boots - boots are essential on wet days, but it is also useful for children to bring them on other days so they can play in the digging area.

Rain hats - if your child's coat does not have a hood, a rain hat would be useful.

In order to protect the carpet a pair of indoor shoes or slippers will be needed for indoor wear, particularly in the wetter weather.

Please label all belongings with your child's name, including the bag they bring things in, as young children do not always recognise their own clothes, shoes and bags.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

The Riverside Nursery School

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Signed

Name of signatory

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Role of signatory

Nursery Manager / Owner